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FORMAL WELCOME HOME CEREMONY FOR A CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD UNIT

HARTFORD, Conn. – Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, the Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announces a formal welcome home ceremony for more than 40 soldiers from the 208th Personnel Service Detachment (PSD) of Niantic, who were mobilized and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The event will be held Saturday, April 1, 2006 at the Hartford Armory at 1:00 p.m.

The 208th PSD was mobilized in October 2004 and left Connecticut for Ft. Benning, Georgia, on November 1, 2004. On December 15, 2004 the unit departed Ft. Benning and arrived in Kuwait to begin their mission. The 208th arrived back in Connecticut on December 6, 2005.

“The outstanding performance by the 208th soldiers is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service that reflects great credit upon the unit, the Connecticut Army National Guard and the United States Army,” said Martin.

The primary mission of the 208th is to manage combat-essential personnel information and provide direct military personnel support to strength managers and commanders.

The 208th PSD is commanded by Capt. Jeremy Lingenfelser on Newington, Conn.

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Currently, 40 Soldiers from G Company, 126th Aviation of Windsor Locks are deployed to Iraq, 120 Soldiers from the 643rd Military Police Company of Westbrook are deployed to Germany in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and 500 Soldiers from the 102nd Infantry Battalion are at Ft. Bragg, N.C., for training and validation and are scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

This event is open to the media.

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